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Part One

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PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide technical assistance and guidance to district and charter schools implementing a Title I Schoolwide Program. The information and tools in this workbook compliments Part One of the ESEA For LEAs: Developing a Title I Schoolwide Program training provided by the Title I Unit of the Arizona Department of Education. The PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded from the Title I Schoolwide Program webpage on the Arizona Department of Education website. Documentation in this workbook may be used as evidence of a school's transition to a Title I Schoolwide Program. Worksheets may also be uploaded into the Arizona Local Educational Agency Tracker (ALEAT) as supporting evidence for compliance requirements through Cycle Monitoring.



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PRE-TEST

1)	What is the difference between a Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance program?
2)	What are the requirements of a Title I Schoolwide Program?
3)	What are the three core elements of a Title I Schoolwide Program?
	What is the five step process in planning a Title I Schoolwide Program?
	Who should be a part of the Title I Schoolwide Planning Team? What is the purpose of clarifying the vision for school reform in planning a Title I
U ,	Schoolwide Program?
7)	What are the five focus areas for creating the school profile?
•	What kind of data should the Schoolwide Planning Team gather in order to create the school profile?
9)	How does a school use the Arizona Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement as source for the comprehensive needs assessment?
10)	What are the resources a school uses to meet the goals of the Schoolwide Plan?

CURRENT TITLE I PROGRAM

What is your Title I Program? Rriefly describe what kind of Title I program is currently implemented at your

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Guiding Questions	Plan		
Who receives academic intervention?			
What interventions are provided?			
Who provides the intervention?			
Where is the intervention provided?			
When is the intervention provided?			
How is the intervention provided?			
Why is this intervention the most effective method for the school and student population?			
How is student achievement and progress assessed, monitored, and evaluated?			

OVERVIEW OF TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

What is a Schoolwide Program?

A Schoolwide Program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school.

Goal

The primary goal of a Schoolwide Program is to ensure that **ALL** students – particularly those who are low-achieving – meet and exceed levels of achievement on state academic standards.

Schoolwide vs. Targeted Assistance

Where a Title I Targeted Assistance program provides interventions solely for those students identified as most at-risk academically, a Schoolwide Program allows schools to redesign and reform its entire education program in order to serve **ALL** students.

Requirements

A school with a Schoolwide Program must have and complete the following:

- ✓ At least 40% low income student population
- ✓ Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment
- ✓ Identify and commit to specific goals and strategies that address those needs.
- ✓ Implement a comprehensive school reform (CSR) model.
- ✓ Create a comprehensive plan focusing on successful academic achievement for ALL students.
- ✓ Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the Schoolwide Program
- ✓ Revise the plan as necessary.

Benefits of a Schoolwide Program

- **Flexibility**: By combining resources, schools are able to serve all students as well as redesign the school and its services.
- **Coordination and Integration:** Incorporation of programs, strategies, and resources reduces curricular and instructional fragmentation.
- Accountability: Schoolwide expectations becomes clear and coordinated in that all students are responsible for meeting the same high standards.
- **Unified Goals:** Schoolwide Programs bring the parents, the community, and the school together to redesign and improve the school.

By allowing schools to integrate their programs, strategies, and resources, the Schoolwide Program can become the catalyst for comprehensive reform of the entire instructional program children in these schools receive.

COMPONENTS OF A SCHOOLWIDE PLAN

A schoolwide plan includes all of the following required components:

- 1. A comprehensive needs assessment for the entire school
- 2. Effective methods and strategies based on SBR that strengthen the core academic program in the school
- 3. High quality and on-going professional development for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals
- 4. Instruction provided by effective HQ teachers and paraprofessionals
- 5. Strategies to attract HQ staff
- 6. Strategies to address the needs of all children but particularly the needs of low-achieving children and those at risk of not meeting the state standards
- 7. Strategies to increase parental involvement
- 8. Plans for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs to LEA run programs
- 9. Measures to include teachers in the decisions regarding the use of academic assessment in order to improve the academic achievement of students
- 10. Recruitment of external facilitator to provide technical assistance and guidance through transition process
- Activities to ensure students who are experiencing difficulty mastering the state standards are provided in an effective and timely manner
- 12. Coordination and integration of Federal State, and local services and programs

SCHOOLWIDE VS.TARGETED ASSISTANCE

Title I Program Targeted Assistance		Schoolwide	
Definition Title I program model that concentrates or "targets" services to students identified as most at-risk academically based upon rank ordered criteria.		Title I school model that defines the services to students by encompassing the entire school. It is built on reform strategies.	
Focus	Intervention for students identified as most at-risk academically	Schoolwide reform	
Schools with poverty level greater than 40%. All schools implementing a Title I program start as Targeted Assistance regardless of population count.		Optional model for school with poverty level greater than 40%.	
Student Selection	Students are identified as most at-risk academically based upon objective, research-based criteria. Criteria for grades PK-2 and 3-12 are more developmentally appropriate.	All students qualify for Title I services.	
Funding Title I funds must be used to provide supplemental education services and academic interventions in reading and math only to students identified as most at—risk academically by the rank order conducted by the school.		 More flexibility. There are three options for funding: SW1: Program is supported solely by Title I funds. SW2: School pools Title I and other federal resources to support program. SW3: School pools all federal, state, and local funding to support schoolwide plan. 	
Supplement Not Supplant A TA school must use its Title I funds only to supplement not supplant existing academic programs. Title I funds may not be used to pay for the core instructional program.		Schools with a Schoolwide Program need to ensure that Title I funds add to but don't substitute for the total state and local resources the school receives.	
Professional Title I staff only Development		All staff	
Evaluation TA school must review the progress of participating children and revise the Title I program as necessary in order to help Title I students meet state standards.		SW program must review the progress of the schoolwide plan and revise as necessary in order to help ALL students meet state standards.	
Parental Engagement	Title I schools must comply with Title I requirements regardless of TA or SW programs.		

CORE ELEMENTS OF A SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

• Comprehensive Needs Assessment

A school operating a Schoolwide Program must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment that identifies the school's strengths and challenges in key areas that affect student achievement.

• Comprehensive Schoolwide Plan

A school must develop a schoolwide plan that describes how it will achieve the goals of its needs assessment. The schoolwide plan must include the following:

- ✓ Research-based reform strategies that are aligned with the needs assessment and provide opportunities for all children to meet state standards or advanced levels of academic achievement
- ✓ Provide instruction by highly qualified teachers
- ✓ Offer high-quality, continuous professional development
- ✓ Strategies to attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- ✓ Strategies to improve parental engagement
- ✓ Develop plans to assist preschool students through the transition from early childhood programs to local elementary school programs.
- ✓ Identify measures to include teachers in decisions regarding the use of academic assessments
- ✓ Conduct activities to ensure that students who experience difficulty attaining proficiency receive effective, timely, additional assistance.
- ✓ Coordinate and integrate Federal, State and local services and programs.

• Evaluation

The school must evaluate annually the outcomes and implementation of the plan to determine the following:

- ✓ Did the academic achievement of ALL students improve particularly low-achieving students?
- ✓ Were the goals and objectives of the plan achieved?
- ✓ Does the plan need to be modified and adjusted to ensure or improve successful student achievement?

ESTABLISHING A SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

Schools deciding to implement a Schoolwide Program should complete the following steps:

- 1. The school determines it meets the criteria to implement a Schoolwide Program. The low-income student population of the school must be 40% or more.
- 2. School leaders meet with stakeholders staff and parents to discuss and agree upon transitioning the Title I program to a Schoolwide Program.
- 3. The school establishes a Schoolwide Planning Team consisting of stakeholders from the school community.
- 4. The Schoolwide Planning Team selects an external facilitator to provide technical assistance and provide guidance through the transition. The external facilitator may be from the district office overseeing the school or a consultant approved by the school's local education agency (LEA).
- The Schoolwide Planning Team conducts a comprehensive needs assessment. The
 <u>Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement</u> (PDF) provided by the Arizona Department of Education should be used as the rubric for the comprehensive needs assessment.
- 6. The Schoolwide Planning Team shares the results of the comprehensive needs assessment with all stakeholders, identifying the school's areas of strength, growth, and improvement.
- 7. The Schoolwide Planning Team prioritizes the areas of improvement as a precursor to developing the Schoolwide Plan.
- 8. The Schoolwide Planning Team research comprehensive school reform (CSR) models to implement as part of the academic reform of the school education program. The school may choose more than one CSR model to meet the specific areas of improvement identified in the school's comprehensive needs assessment.
- 9. The Schoolwide Planning Team develops a comprehensive Schoolwide Plan based on the results of the comprehensive needs assessment. The Schoolwide Plan meets all the required components of a Schoolwide Plan. The CSR model selected by the Schoolwide Planning Team is aligned to the Schoolwide Plan.
- 10. The Schoolwide Planning Team creates a budget to support the Schoolwide Plan. The Schoolwide Planning Team must decide whether to only allocate only Title I funds under a Schoolwide 1 Program (SW1), all federal funds for a Schoolwide 2 Program (SW2), or all federal, state, local, and discretionary/competitive/private funds under a Schoolwide 3 Program (SW3). The Schoolwide Plan must address the intent of the original programming source.
- 11. School follows the LEA procedures for approval of Schoolwide Plan entered into ALEAT.
- 12. LEA submits fiscal application and cycle monitoring requirements to the Title I Unit of the Arizona Department of Education.

PURPOSE OF SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

Define what your school hopes to attain by transitioning a Title I Schoolwide Program. Cr mission and vision statement for your program.	eate a

ESTABLISHING SCHOOLWIDE PLANNING TEAM

In order to create an effective schoolwide plan that has input from all stakeholders, the school must create a planning team consisting of various members of the school community whose sole purpose is to lead the process of developing the Schoolwide Program.

The responsibilities of the Schoolwide Planning Team include the following:

- Organize and oversee the needs assessment process
- Lead the staff in developing the schoolwide plan
- Conduct and oversee the program's annual evaluation.

Members of the planning team should include the following members of the school community:

- **Administration:** Principal or other instructional leader. This is the person who establishes the core planning team.
- Certified: Teachers, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, academic coaches
- Classified: Paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, clerks
- District Officials: Associate superintendent, director, coordinator
- Parents
- Community Members
- Business Partners
- Students (most specifically at the higher grade levels), if appropriate

Consultant/Outside Facilitator

In addition, the school must select an objective, outside facilitator to guide the planning process. This person may be either a reliable district office staff administrator or a consultant or sub-contractor from outside the district. This person must be familiar about not only Title I policies and procedures but also knowledgeable about various strategies and programs related to schooling reform. The consultant/outside facilitator can also work effectively with the planning team in establishing skills in leadership, consensus building, meeting management, and project organization.

Selection of Team Members

Membership should be voluntary and open to anyone in the school community who has a vested interest in participating in the schoolwide planning process. However, the school leadership should take special care in selecting key members of the school community who have various expertises, knowledge about Title I policies and procedures, and may also have the ability to influence effective reform and change. The school should also consider whether there is an existing team or committee that may also serve as the Schoolwide Planning Team. Using an existing group consisting of various stakeholders in the school community will prevent duplication of efforts.

SCHOOLWIDE PLANNING TEAM OVERVIEW

What is the objective of the Schoolwide Planning Team?
Who are the members of the Schoolwide Planning Team?
What are the expectations of the members of the Schoolwide Planning Team?
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How will the members of the Schoolwide Planning Team communicate with the groups whom they represent?
How will the members of the Schoolwide Planning Team ensure all stakeholders will be provided with an opportunity to review the plan and provide comments?

SCHOOLWIDE PLANNING TEAM MEMBERS

School:	

Representative	Name	Position	Phone	E-Mail
Administration				
Certified				
Classified				
District Office				
Parents				
Community / Business				
Student				
External Facilitator				

CLARIFYING THE VISION FOR REFORM

Prior to conducting the needs assessment, the school staff needs to discuss what school reform will look like in terms of student success and how that vision differs from what currently exists at the school. The goal of this discussion is to identify the strengths and challenges the school must address in order to achieve effective change, improve student achievement, and attain the collective vision the school establishes.

Guiding questions

School staff members should be provided the following guiding questions when clarifying the new collective vision for the school:

What is our purpose here?

What are our expectations for students?

What are our expectations of all staff members?

What are our expectations of the parents?

What are our expectations of the community?

How important are the collaborations and partnerships?

How committed are all stakeholders to continuous improvement?

Education leaders should encourage feedback and responses from the staff, for their input will not only provide an overview of the current status of the school but also set the direction the school will take in the future.

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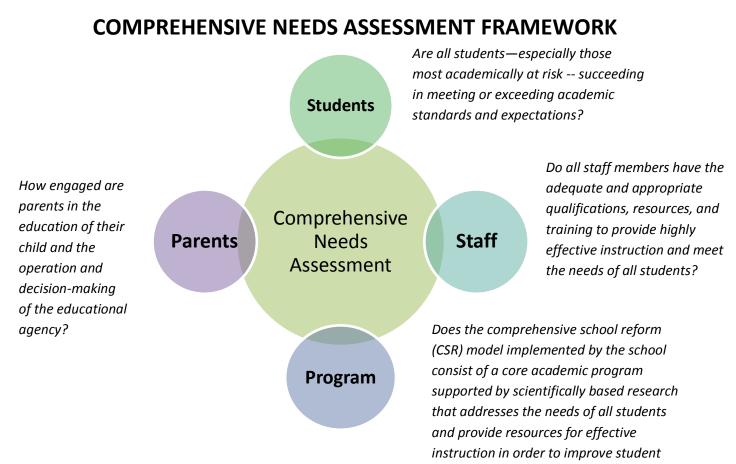
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What is our purpose here at the school?
What are our expectations for students?
What are the responsibilities of the staff – administration, classified, certified, volunteers?
What are our expectations of the parents?
What are our expectations of the community?
How important are the collaborations and partnerships?
How are we committed to continuous improvement?

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A "need" is a discrepancy or gap between "what is" and "what should be."

A **Needs Assessment** is a systematic set of procedures that are used to determine needs, examine their nature and causes, and set priorities for future action. They are conducted to determine the needs of people – i.e., receivers of the services provided by an organization. In education, the receivers of the services are students and their parents.

A **Comprehensive Needs Assessment** takes into account needs identified in other parts of a system. In education, the Comprehensive Needs Assessment determines the needs of those who receive the academic service (students and parents), the providers of the academic services (school staff), and the structure and system of the organization (core academic program, assessment and evaluation, resources).



achievement and school performance?

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FORMULA

"Need" refers to the gap or discrepancy between the ideal results a school wants to attain ("what should be") and current results of student achievement and school performance ("what is"). The "need" also helps identify the target assessment objective of the Schoolwide Program's goals.

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Desired Results (What Should Be)

This is the ideal results. With a Title I program, the desired results are the SMART Goals of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965.

Current Results (What Is)

This is the current reality of the performance of the school and its students. It should be strategic, specific, and in-depth.

Need (Basis of Goal)

This identifies the "gap" between the ideal assessment objective and the current reality of the school and its students. It establishes the annual target assessment objective of the SMART Goal. The "need" should be written as a measurable goal — I.e. a measurable action with a percentage.

Example

Goal Topic	Desired Results _ (What Should Be)	Current Results (What Is)	= Need (Basis of Goal)
Academic Proficiency in Reading	100% of students (including students with disabilities, English language learners, and the economically disadvantaged and 5 racial/ethnic subgroups) attain proficiency or better in reading/language arts by 2013-2014.	 55% of students in Grades 3-8 attain reading proficiency. 20% of English Language Learners attain reading proficiency. 15% of students with disabilities attain reading proficiency. 30% of Free and Reduced Lunch Program students 	70% or more of all students must attain reading proficiency or better in the current academic year. (Schools should also narrow and identify needs to specific populations' performance.)

Click here to go to the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Table.

TITLE I COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

An effective Comprehensive Needs Assessment must take into account data regarding all aspects of the LEA. Findings and conclusions should be based on both quantitative and qualitative data from multiple sources. Therefore, the Comprehensive Needs Assessment should include an evaluation of the following:

School and District Leadership Capacity	Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development	Classroom and School Assessments	School Culture and Climate	Resource Management
Mission	Academic Achievement	Student	Student	Dudget
1111001011				Budget
Vision	Data	Performance	Attendance	Resources
Values	Core Academic Program	Student Needs	Student Behavior	Expenditures
Philosophy	Instructional Strategies	Student	Parent	Staffing
Data Driven Decision-	Course Offerings	Expectations	Expectations	Time
Making	Teacher Input	Formative	Parental	School
Leadership /	Teacher Expectations	Assessments	Involvement	Schedules
Management Style	Teacher Readiness and	Summative	Activities	
Staff Meetings	Qualifications	Assessments	Parental	
Committees		Screening	Responses	
		Assessments	Community	
		Standardized	and Business	
		Assessment	Partnerships	
		Vertical	Community	
		Integration	Demographic	
		AIMS	Information	
		DIBELS	Community	
		Benchmarks	Expectations	
		Classroom	Community	
		Assessments	Perception of	
		Classroom	School	
		Assignments	Effectiveness	

The data resulting from a Comprehensive Needs Assessment demonstrate the current state of the school and are used to determine the steps the school needs to take to create effective schoolwide reform. In order to accurately and realistically address the key reform issues the school faces, the data should be organized in a clear manner that all members of the school community will understand.

IDENTIFYING DATA SOURCES

The Schoolwide Planning Team's findings and conclusions about the school should be based on both quantitative and qualitative data from multiple sources.

Quantitative Data	Sources
Student achievement results	Report cards
 Grades 	Transcripts
 Performance on state assessments 	Office referrals
Enrollment count	School and district records
Attendance rate	Census
Disciplinary incidences	Records from local, state, and federal
Dropout rate	organizations
Graduation rate	
Demographic statistics	
Qualitative Data	Sources
Attitudes	Surveys
Beliefs	Staff
Feedback	Student
Feelings	Parent
Perceptions	• Community
	Community forums
	Committee meetings
	Town hall meetings

Guidelines for Gathering Data

Follow the following guidelines when gathering data:

- Explain the purpose of each data collection instrument.
- Phrase all questions clearly and appropriately.
- Omit unnecessary questions.
- Assure confidentiality of responses.
- Establish culture of trust and comfort that emphasizes there are no right or wrong answers or consequences for responses.
- Allow adequate response and return time.
- Have all involved in gathering the data be knowledgeable and available to answer questions about the data collection process.

GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING DATA

Follow the following guidelines when gathering data:

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- Establish culture of trust and comfort that emphasizes there are no right or wrong answers or consequences for responses.
- Allow adequate response and return time.
- Have all involved in gathering the data understand and explain the data collection process.

Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement

In the state of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Education offers the **Standards and Rubrics** for LEA Improvement 2007 Edition as a guide to help schools conduct a needs assessment, create the school profile, and establish the mission and vision of the school. Schools are also encouraged to use their own forms of data gathering in order to obtain the clearest picture of their school's present status.

> **Standard 1: LEA Leadership Capacity** Standard 2: Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development **Standard 3: LEA Assessments** Standard 4: Culture, Climate, and Communication Standard 5: Resource Management (2007 Edition)

Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement

The Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement is used by schools in Arizona in order to identify the strengths and limitations of their overall program. This web resource guide is a support for those standards and rubrics, as well as a tool to address the indicators stated in the standards. The indicators are defined within the following four standards:

> **Standard 1: School and District Leadership Capacity** Standard 2: Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development Standard 3: Classroom and School Assessments Standard 4: School Culture, Climate, and Communication Standard 5: Resource Management (2007 Edition)¹

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¹ Include Standard 5: Resource Management from the Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement 2007 as part of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the school.

DATA SOURCES

Data Source	Utilization
Comprehensive Needs Assessment	 Identifies the areas of strength, growth, and improvement in the school. Validates prioritization of needs. Guides the creation of SMART Goals, strategies, and action steps. Establishes target objectives.
Screening Assessments	 Measures students' basic skills and abilities as well as background knowledge. Defines the skills and abilities of the student population. Assesses and evaluates the skill level of students without any academic progress reports who enroll in a school.
Standardized Assessments	 Provides thorough analysis of the effectiveness of education programs. Determines whether students are meeting or exceeding state academic standards. Measures student achievement for subgroups. Compares student achievement and school progress against standard benchmarks and other schools.
Dynamic Assessments	 Allows for individualized, classroom, and grade level measurement of student achievement and progress. Provides feedback on teacher's effectiveness in the classroom.
Formative Assessments	 Determines whether students are meeting grade level and subject-matter academic standards and benchmarks. Guides decision making regarding instructional methods and professional development.
Summative Assessments	Provides final determination whether the school is meeting their target objectives and determines creation and modification of future goals.
Surveys	Provides affective assessment of stakeholders' perceptions of the school.
Budgets	Determines whether the school is allocating fiscal resources appropriately and effectively to meet schoolwide goals and targeted objectives.
Registration / Attendance / Sign-Up Lists	Measures the participation of different stakeholders in different school- related activities.
Calendars / Schedules	Charts the frequency of opportunities provided by the school.

DATA PLAN Create the plan for gathering the data needed to create the school profile. What is the purpose of this assessment? How will the data gathered be used? Who is responsible for gathering and organizing the data? How will the data collection forms be dispersed to ensure all members of the school community have the accessibility and opportunity to participate and respond? What procedures are in place to follow-up with people who do not respond? How will information be gathered and organized within the identified focus areas? How will the results be presented in a manner that is clear and understandable to all stakeholders?

DATA COLLECTION TOOL

Identify the data collection tool the Schoolwide Planning Team will use, its target audience, and the type of date to be collected. Explain the area of focus for schoolwide reform the data address and how the data will be used in defining the school profile.

Data Collection Tool	Target Audience	Quantitative / Qualitative	Area of Focus	How will the data be used?

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Comprehensive school reform involves analyzing the education program of a school to determine the areas of strength, growth, and improvement in order to prioritize needs and establish SMART Goals for the current academic year. This requires a complete analysis of not only what the school needs but also clarification of what resources are currently available but underutilized in meeting these needs.

SCHOOL RESOURCES

Fiscal
Personnel / Human Resources
Time
Instructional Materials
Technology
Community

When analyzing a school's resources, consider the following questions:

What resources does the school need in order to meet the school's goals?	A school should be very clear in what resources they need and how these resources will support the school in meeting its goals. Resources should be prioritized based upon the prioritization of the needs determined by the outcome of the comprehensive needs assessment.	
What resources does the school already have that will support the goals?	Schools may have resources currently available to them that will assist them in meeting their goals and target objectives. The school should conduct an inventory – physical, personnel, fiscal – to verify if resources and systems are already in place to ensure success.	
Is the school utilizing all of its existing resources to their fullest potential?	Many schools are not aware of the potential of the resources available to them – or even the extent of the resources available. School leaders should assess the level and potential of all available resources – known and unknown that are underutilized or untapped.	
What resources could the school invest in that will produce the best results immediately and in the long run?	There are many products and programs available for schools to purchase. However, should take careful consideration in what exactly would be the most effective investment –instructional, personal, and fiscal – in helping the school meet its goals.	

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

Resource	Guiding Questions	Evidence
	Is the school expending fiscal resources effectively and	Site Budget
	based on data driven decision making to support the school's goals?	LEA Consolidated Plan
	Does the school consistently seek, coordinate, and	Purchase Orders
	monitor all state and federal grants, competitive grants, and other special revenues to support	Grant Applications
	increased student achievement?	Audit Reports
	Is the school aware of the fiscal resources available?	Completion Reports
	 Is there a clear budgeting process that is adjusted annually to meet student achievement needs? 	Program Evaluations
Fiscal	 Is an annual evaluation conducted that determines the effectiveness of all programs, initiatives, and activities based on student performance data and the needs of the student population? 	Meeting Minutes/Agendas
	Does the school regularly assess the effectiveness and efficiency of its assets – financial and capital?	
	Is the school able to meet reasonable changes and	
	unanticipated events?	
	 Do program evaluations reflect the appropriate fiscal spending? 	
	Are all stakeholders provided the opportunity to	
	review and provide input on the budgeting process?	
	Are all teachers highly qualified and assigned to teach	Teacher Evaluations
	in HQ subject areas?	Principal Verification
	 Are there staff members who are highly qualified in more than one area? 	Documentation of
	 More than one area? Are there staff members with skills, talents, 	Human Resources
Personnel /	backgrounds, and/or experience that could effectively	recruiting efforts
Human	contribute to the school's goals?	Professional
Resources	 What professional development opportunities are available? 	Development Needs Assessment
	Are there staff members who can provide professional	Formative Assessments
	development?	Summative Assessments
	Does the school prioritize funding for professional development?	Lesson Plans

	Has the school allotted enough instructional time to	School Schedules
	address effectively the state standards as well as	Lesson Plans
	individual student's educational needs?Has the school allotted time for collaboration between	Meeting
	same subject, grade level, and cross-curricular	Minutes/Agendas
	teachers to plan, dialogue, and confer?	Staff Meeting Agendas
Time	Is the time allotted for professional development being utilized effectively with time to conduct	Sign-in Sheets
	monitoring and formative and summative evaluations?	Grade Level/Subject
	Has the school allotted time for all stakeholders to	Area Meetings
	meet and confer regarding student progress, student achievement, and/or school performance?	
	Has the school allotted time for parents to be	
	involved?	
	Does the school have the instructional materials that	Capital Inventory List
	support the state academic standards while also providing rigor and relevance?	Materials Inventory List
	Does the school have supplementary materials that	Textbook Adoption
	support instruction?	
Instructional	Are all instructional materials included in curriculum and textbook packages being used to their fullest	
Materials	potential?	
	Do the instructional materials provide rigor and	
	relevance to education?Do the instructional materials support and	
	compliment the comprehensive school reform	
	implemented at the school?	
	Does the school have a technology plan?	Technology Plan
	 Does the technology plan address the prioritized needs of the school? 	Capital Inventory List
	 Is the technology at the school being utilized to its 	Material Inventory List
Technology	fullest potential?	Programming Source
	Is the technology up to date?Is the technology available for all stakeholders?	Budget
	 Is there data supporting the technology is improving 	
	academic achievement?	
	Are there resources within the community that could are vide support. fixed page and instructional?	Surveys
Community of	 provide support – fiscal, personnel, instructional? Are there groups within the community who could 	Census Data
	contribute to the school?	Meetings
Community	Are there outreach programs implemented that could	
	support the school?Are there venues or arenas the school can use to	
	bolster communication?	
	Click here to go to the Resource Management Anal	ysis.

SCHOOL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement

In the state of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Education offers the <u>Standards and Rubrics</u> <u>for School Improvement</u> as a guide to help schools conduct a needs assessment, create the school profile, and establish the mission and vision of the school. Schools are also encouraged to use their own forms of data gathering in order to obtain the clearest picture of their school's present status._Prioritize in order of importance those areas of need identified through the Comprehensive Needs Assessment process.

Standard 5: Resource Management

1. Evaluate each standard with the following criteria:

3	The school demonstrates exceptional performance in this area.
2	The school demonstrates functional performance in this area.
1	The school demonstrates limited performance in this area.
0	The school demonstrates little to no performance in this area.

2. Provide comments to support the evaluation.

Indicator	Level of Performance	Comments
5.1		
5.2		
5.3 A		
5.3 B		
5.4		
5.5		
5.6 A		
5.6 B		

- 3. Highlight the five lowest levels of performance in red.
- 4. Highlight the five mid-levels of performance in yellow.
- 5. Highlight the five highest levels of performance in green.

ANALYZING THE DATA

The results of the needs assessment should provide the data necessary for the planning team to determine the current state of the school in relation to the vision clarified by the staff and the steps the school needs to take in creating an effective schoolwide reform.

In order to organize the data that accurately and realistically addresses the key reform issues the school faces in a clear manner that all members of the school community will understand.

Below is a sample chart based upon the <u>Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement</u>. The areas under strength, growth, and improvement are based upon the results of the needs assessment.

SCHOOL DATA ANALYSIS

Standard	Improvement	Growth	Strengths
	(Falls Far Below)	(Approaches)	(Meets/Exceeds)
School and District Leadership Capacity	1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7	1.8 1.9 1.12 1.13	1.1 1.2 1.10 1.11
Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development Classroom and	2.7 2.9 2.10 2.13 2.15	2.2 2.3 2.11 2.14	2.1 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.8 2.12
School Assessments	3.5 3.6	3.2	3.7 3.8
School Culture, Climate, and Communication	4.1 4.5 4.9 4.11	4.4 4.7 4.8 4.10	4.2 4.3
Resource Management	5.1 5.4 5.6 B	5.3 5.5 5.6 A	5.2

Click here to go to the School Data Analysis.

CLARIFYING NEEDS

Prioritize in order of importance those areas of need identified through the comprehensive needs assessment process.

Based on the results of your needs assessment, what do the results suggest for the following?

- √ Academic needs of the students in your school
- ✓ Instructional and content needs of your teaching staff
- ✓ Needs of parents and families in relation to student achievement
- ✓ School safety
- ✓ Students in transition
- ✓ Sub-groups

NEEDS PRIORITY LIST

NEEDS I MOMITTEIST				
Need Category	Data Sources			
School and District Leadership Capacity	Feedback			
1.3 Inclusive process	School community surveys (student, staff, parent)			
1.4 Shared leadership				
1.5 Two-way communication				
1.6 Professional development/growth				
1.7 Accountability				
Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development	Observations of teachers			
2.7 Instructional materials	Teacher surveys			
2.9 Differentiated instruction				
2.10 Research based strategies				
2.13 Professional development				
2.15 Content knowledge				
Classroom and School Assessments	AIMS scores			
3.3 Benchmarks	Terra Nova Scores			
3.5 Assessments	Unit Tests (Text related)			
3.6 Gaps in curriculum	Teacher made assessments			
	(all content areas)			
School Culture, Climate, and Communication	Parent surveys			
4.1 Shared philosophy	Attendance sheets			
4.5 Attendance, dropout, graduation rates	Feedback			
4.9 Change as positive	Discipline referrals			
4.10 School community as partners	School safety report			
	Feedback and surveys			
Resource Management	Parent surveys			
5.1 Support instructional goals	Teacher evaluations			
5.4 Review process for budget	Expense reports			
5.6 A Alignment to Personnel Evaluations				

Click here to go to the Needs Priority List.

AREAS OF STRENGTH / GROWTH / IMPROVEMENT

Based upon the data collected, what are the strengths of the current school program?
Based upon the data collected, what are the areas of growth of the current school program?
Based upon the data collected, what are the areas of improvement of the current school program?
Explain how the evidence gathered supports staff assumptions about strengths and needs.
Are there information gaps? What more do we need to know?

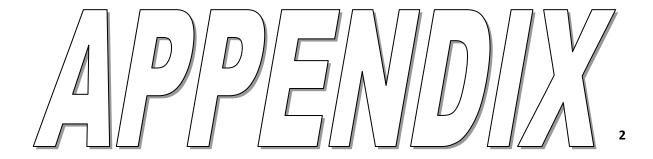
Complete the priority list based upon the results of the needs assessment.

CREATING THE SCHOOL PROFILE

The school profile is a description of the following:

STUDENTS	STAFF	PERFORMANCE
What is the socio-economic status of the students served by the school?	What are the experience and education levels of the school staff?	Is the school meeting the targeted assessment objectives?
What are the subgroups of the student population? Are there certain subgroups that are larger than others? What is the pattern of student achievement on formative and summative assessments? What extracurricular activities have the largest student participation?	What are the leadership philosophy and managerial style of the school administration? What kind of experience, professional development, and training to the teachers bring to their classroom? What are the expectations and responsibilities of teachers in regards to the day to day operation of the school?	Is it making its Average Yearly Progress? What is the school's state designation according to AZLEARNS? Is the local education agency in LEA improvement? Is the school in school improvement? Is it a Persistently Low Performing School? Is the LEA/school meeting its annual measurable assessment objectives (AMAO) for its English Language Learner students? What other designations has the school earned (e.g. A+School, NCA Accreditation)?

These descriptions should be based on data gathered, assessed, and evaluated by the Schoolwide Planning Team. The team should also decide which focus areas are most essential for schoolwide reform. This decision is driven by the data acquired from the school's needs assessment and other data sources including feedback from the school community, survey responses, attendance at school events and committee meetings, and results on formative and summative academic assessments.



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² Documents included in this appendix may be used for the Schoolwide Plan and as evidence for Cycle Monitoring items inside ALEAT.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOLWIDE PLANNING CHECKLIST

COMPLETED	TASK	DATE	NOTES
	Determination of Low-Income Student Population = 40% or more		
	School Meeting – Transition to Schoolwide		
	Schoolwide Planning Team established.		
	External facilitator selected.		
	Comprehensive Needs Assessment conducted.		
	Areas of Strength, Growth, and Improvement identified and shared with stakeholders		
	Needs prioritized.		
	School profile created.		

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

- 1. Copy, paste, and save the next two pages as a separate document.
- 2. Click the <u>blue hyperlink</u> to go to the <u>Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement</u>.
- 3. Evaluate each standard with the following criteria:

3	The school demonstrates exceptional performance in this area.
2	The school demonstrates functional performance in this area.
1	The school demonstrates limited performance in this area.
0	The school demonstrates little to no performance in this area.

- 4. Provide comments to support the evaluation.
- 5. Save the survey to the hard drive.

Standard 1: School and District Leadership Capacity

Indicator	Level of Performance	Comments
<u>1.1</u>		
<u>1.2</u>		
<u>1.3</u>		
<u>1.4</u>		
<u>1.5</u>		
<u>1.6</u>		
<u>1.7</u>		
<u>1.8</u>		
<u>1.9</u>		
<u>1.10</u>		
<u>1.11</u>		
<u>1.12</u>		
<u>1.13</u>		

Standard 2: Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development

Indicator	Level of Performance	Comments
<u>2.1</u>		
<u>2.2</u>		
<u>2.3</u>		
<u>2.4</u>		
<u>2.5</u>		
<u>2.6</u>		
<u>2.7</u>		
<u>2.8</u>		
<u>2.9</u>		
<u>2.10</u>		
<u>2.11</u>		
<u>2.12</u>		
<u>2.13</u>		
<u>2.14</u>		
<u>2.15</u>		

Standard 3:	Standard 3: Classroom and School Assessments						
Indicator	Level of Performance	Comments					
<u>3.1</u>							
<u>3.2</u>							
<u>3.3</u>							
<u>3.4</u>							
<u>3.5</u>							
<u>3.6</u>							
<u>3.7</u>							
<u>3.8</u>							
Standard 4: S	School Culture, Climate, and C	ommunication					
Indicator	Level of Performance	Comments					
<u>4.1</u>							
<u>4.2</u>							
<u>4.3</u>							
<u>4.4</u>							
<u>4.5</u>							
<u>4.6</u>							
<u>4.7</u>							
<u>4.8</u>							
<u>4.9</u>							
<u>4.10</u>							
<u>4.11</u>							
Standard 5: I	Resource Management						
Indicator	Level of Performance	Data Source/Evidence					
5.1							
5.2							
5.3 A							
5.3 B							
5.4							
5.5							
5.6 A							
5.6 B							
Cli	ick the box and check whi	ch stakeholder group you represent.					
	Certified	Administration					

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE						
	3	2	1	0		
	Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Falls Far Below		
Indicator	Exemplary	Fully Functional	Limited	No Evidence of		
	Development or	Development or	Development or	Development or		
	Implementation	Implementation	Implementation	Implementation		
5.1 Allocation of	The school appropriately allocates sufficient resources including time, personnel, funding, and technology – and utilizes many funding	The school allocates sufficient resources including personnel – and utilizes some funding sources to support the school's	The school allocates some resources and utilizes some funding sources to support the	The school does not appropriately allocate resources to support the school's instructional goals		
Resources	sources to support the	instructional goals of	school's	of high student		
Resources	school's instructional goals of high student achievement.	high student achievement.	instructional goals of high student achievement.	achievement.		
5.2 Budget	The school has a well-documented and clearly communicated budget process resulting in budget allocations that	The school has a well-documented budget process resulting in budget allocations that are adjusted	The school has a well-documented budget process.	The school does not have a clearly documented budget process.		
Process	are adjusted annually to meet student achievement needs. The school uses an annual	annually to meet student achievement needs. The school uses a				
5.3 A Review of Budget Process	review process to determine the cost-effectiveness of nearly all programs, initiatives, and activities based on student performance data and the needs of all student populations. review process to determine the cost-effectiveness of most programs, initiatives, and activities based on student performance data and the needs of all student populations.		The school uses a review process to determine the cost-effectiveness of some programs, initiatives, and activities but is not necessarily based on student performance data and the needs of	The school does not review the cost-effectiveness of some programs, initiatives, and activities to ensure support of all student populations.		
5.3 B	The school regularly	The school regularly	all student populations. The school	The school does		
J.3 D	assesses the effectiveness	assesses the	occasionally	not assess the		
Accomment	and efficiency of its financial and capital	effectiveness and efficiency of its	assesses the effectiveness and	effectiveness and efficiency of its		
Assessment of	assets and can meet	financial and capital	efficiency of its	financial and		
Budget Process	reasonable changes and unexpected events.	assets.	financial and capital assets.	capital assets.		

	LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE						
	3	2	1	0			
	Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Falls Far Below			
Indicator	Exemplary	Fully Functional	Limited	No Evidence of			
	Development or	Development or	Development or	Development or			
	Implementation	Implementation	Implementation	Implementation			
	The school constantly	The school supports	The school seeks	The school does			
5.4	seeks, coordinates, and	the search for and	some additional	not seek some			
	monitors all state and	acquisition of all state	revenue to support	additional revenue			
Fiscal	federal grants and other	and federal grants and	increased student	to support increased student			
Support	special revenues to support increased	other special revenues to support increased	achievement.	achievement			
	student achievement.	student achievement.		acilievellielit			
	The school prioritizes its	The school provides	The school	The school does			
	resources to provide	sufficient funding for	provides limited	not provide funds			
	extensive funding for the	the recruitment,	funding for the	to account for the			
5.5	recruitment, training, and	training, and retention	recruitment,	recruitment,			
	retention of highly	of highly qualified	training, and	training, and			
Personnel	qualified teachers,	teachers,	retention of highly	retention of highly			
	administrators, and staff.	administrators, and	qualified teachers,	qualified teachers,			
		staff.	administrators,	administrators, and			
			and staff.	staff.			
	The school's evaluation of	The school's	The school's	The school's			
	teachers is directly	evaluation of teachers	evaluation of	evaluation of			
	aligned to the effective	is directly aligned to	teachers is loosely	teachers is not			
5.6 A	delivery of curriculum, instruction, and	the effective delivery of curriculum and	aligned to the effective delivery	aligned to the effective delivery			
	assessments of student	instruction, and	of curriculum, and	of curriculum, and			
Teacher	performance, establishing	assessments that are	instruction.	instruction.			
Evaluations	high expectations for	aligned to state	Assessments are	Assessments are			
	teaching and learning.	standards.	not necessarily	not used in			
			used in	evaluations.			
			evaluations.				
	The school's evaluation of	The school's	The school's	The school's			
	appropriately certified	evaluation of	evaluation of	evaluation of			
	administrators is directly	appropriately certified	appropriately	appropriately			
	aligned to the evidence of	administrators is	certified	certified			
	exceptional instructional	directly aligned to the	administrators is	administrators is			
5.6 B	leadership and improved student performance.	evidence of	loosely aligned to the evidence of	not aligned to the evidence of			
	student periornance.	exceptional instructional	instructional	instructional			
Administrator		leadership and	leadership.	leadership			
Evaluations		student performance.	Assessments of	.assessments are			
		The second secon	student	not necessarily			
			performance are	used in			
			not necessarily	evaluations.			
			used in				
			evaluations.				

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

Using the guiding questions from pages 26-28, conduct an analysis of the school's current resources and how they may be used to fulfill the needs of the school.

Resource	What resources does the school have that will support the goals?	What resources does the school need in order to meet the school's goals?	Is the school utilizing all of its existing resources to their fullest potential?	What resources could the school invest in that will produce the best results?
Fiscal				
Personnel				
Time				
Instructional Materials				
Technology				
Community				

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Click the icon below to access the Comprehensive Needs Assessment spreadsheet based on the Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement. Record the results of the returned Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey. Include sources of data, evidence, or examples.



Comprehenive Needs Assessment

Instructions Worksheet

Enter the date, school name, LEA Name, and CTDS number.

Certified Worksheet

Add/delete columns to reflect the number of certified staff members on the school staff. Keep the responded as anonymous. Cut and paste the responses from each individual respondent's survey under the certified column. The final columns will average the responses for each standard from the *Standards and Rubric for School Improvement*. Add comments from respondents to serve as qualitative data.

Administration Worksheet

Add/delete columns to reflect the number of administrative staff members on the school staff. Keep the responded as anonymous. Cut and paste the responses from each individual respondent's survey under the certified column. The final columns will average the responses for each standard from the *Standards and Rubric for School Improvement*. Add comments from respondents to serve as qualitative data.

3	The school demonstrates exceptional performance in this area.
	The school demonstrates acceptable/adequate performance in
2	this area.
1	The school demonstrates a need for growth in this area.
0	The school demonstrates a need for improvement in this area.

Standard 1 School and District Leadership Capacity	Respondent 1	Respondent 2	Respondent 3	Respondent 4	Respondent 5	Respondent 6	Total	Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Falls Far Below
<u>1.1</u>	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	3	1
<u>1.2</u>	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	5	1	0	0
<u>1.3</u>	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	0

Final Results Worksheet

The results of the responses for each group will total on this page. Cut and paste responses under comments. Type in conclusions.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

Communication	YES	NO
The school keeps parents engaged in two-way communication.		
The school maintains regular, meaningful two-way		
communication.	_	
 The school reduces language barriers by providing communication in all parents and students' home language. 		
Education/Parenting	YES	NO
The school helps families understand the growth and		
development of their children.		
 The school supports the parents at home with the education of their students. 		
Involvement	YES	NO
The school makes parents feel welcome in the school.		
 The school encourages parents to become involved as 		
volunteers to support students and school programs.		
Decision-Making	YES	NO
 The school includes parents in school decisions, governance, 		
and advocacy.		
Collaboration	YES	NO
The school established strong relationships with the general		
community.		
Informal Activities	YES	NO
 The school sponsors activities that allow parents, students, 		
staff, and community members to interact.		
Opportunities	YES	NO
 The school provides opportunities for the parents and 		
educators to share information.		
Responsibilities	YES	NO
The school takes responsibility when it comes to student		
learning.		
 The parent Involvement program is successful in helping students academically. 		
The school encourages parents to take responsibility when it		
comes to student learning.		
The school promotes students to take responsibility for their		
learning.		

SCHOOL DATA ANALYSIS

Categorize the results of the comprehensive needs assessment by strengths (meets/exceeds), areas for growth (approaches), and areas for improvement (falls far below).

Standard	Improvement (Falls Far Below)	Growth (Approaches)	Strengths (Meets/Exceeds)
School and District Leadership Capacity			
Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development			
Classroom and School Assessments			
School Culture, Climate, and Communication			
Resource Management			

NEEDS PRIORITY LIST

List the five areas with the lowest levels of performance for each standard as determined by the school's needs assessment with the <u>Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement</u>.

Need Category	Data Sources
School and District Leadership Capacity	
Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional	
<u>Development</u>	
Classroom and School Assessments	
School Culture, Climate, and Communication	
School Culture, Climate, and Communication	
Resource Management	

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TABLE

Use the information and data in this table and the <u>Prioritized Needs</u> according to the results of the <u>Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement</u> to establish the SMART goals, strategies, and action steps of the <u>Site Based Title I Targeted Assistance Plan.</u> Click the hyperlink to return to the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Formula.

GOAL	DESIRED RESULTS		CURRENT RESULTS ³	NEED
TOPIC	(What Should Be)		(What Is)	(Gap Analysis)
	ESEA	<u>AMO (%)⁴</u>		
Academic Proficiency in Reading	100% of students (including students with disabilities, English language learners, and the economically disadvantaged and 5 racial/ethnic subgroups) attain proficiency or better in reading/language arts by 2013-2014.	3 4 5 6 7 8 HS	Current Results and Gap Analysis Reading	
Academic Proficiency in Mathematics	100% of students (including students with disabilities, English language learners, and the economically disadvantaged and 5 racial/ethnic subgroups) will attain proficiency or better in mathematics by 2013-2014.	3 4 5 6 7 8 HS	Current Results and Gap Analysis Math	
Teacher Effectiveness	By 2013, provide all students with access to effective principals through equitable distribution and high a learning opportunities in order to close achievement	uality professional		
Proficiency for ELLS	All English Language Learners will become proficien	nt in English.		
High School Graduation	All students will graduate from high school.			
Parent Involvement	All schools will increase effective parent and family	involvement.		

³ Click the Excel icons to activate the Current Results and Gap Analysis Spreadsheet. Enter the current AIMS exam results for each grade level and subgroup.

⁴ Click the hyperlink <u>AMO</u> and go to page 25 of the <u>State of Arizona Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook</u> to view the current academic year's Annual Measurable Objectives per grade level. You may also use the Microsoft Excel link to calculate the Gap Analysis based upon grade level and Subgroups.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Who are you?

Describe your school. What are the grade levels you serve? What is the socio-demographics of the school community? What are the largest subgroups that make up your student population?

Student		Staff			Performance
Population	Count (%)		Administra	Assessment Indicator	
All Students (Total Number)		Number of Admin.	Principal's Years of Experience	Principal Years at School	Average Yearly Progress (Met/Not Met) AYP Determination
Male		Instructional			Percent Tested
Female		Number	Number of	Number	Test Objectives
White		of HQ Teachers	Core Academic	of Elective	Attendance Rate
Hispanic		4.0 %	4.6.1/	7. 7	Graduation Rate
Black		1-3 Years Exp. (%)	4-6 Years Exp. (%)	7+ Years Exp. (%)	AZ LEARNS
Asian / Pacific Islander		Bachelors (%)	Masters (%)	Ed.D. / Ph.D. (%)	Improvement Status (Y/N)
			. ,		School
Native American		National Board Cert.	Reading	Other Endorse	LEA
			Endorsed	d	Persistently Low Performing School
Special Education		Support Staff			English Language Learner (Met/Not Met)
Limited		Title I	Instructional	School	AMAO Determination
English Proficient	English Coordinator Coach(es)	Psych.	Other Assessment		
Free & Reduced Lunch Program		Testing Coordinator	Mentor Teacher(s)	Social Worker	(List other assessments used to measure school/student performance

RESOURCES

Title I — Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

This is the webpage on Title I for the U.S. Department of Education.

Link: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg1.html

Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) Chart of Accounts

This PDF contains the chart of accounts and expense classifications when applying for federal funding through grants management.

Link: https://www.ade.az.gov/gme/Additional Information/Add Info downloads/ChartofAccount.pdf

Four Pillars of ESEA

This webpage explains the four pillars of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Link: http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/overview/intro/4pillars.html

<u>Title I / Academic Achievement</u>

This webpage is for the Title I Department of the Arizona Department of Education.

Link: http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/Title1/

<u>Title I Schoolwide Program, Arizona Department of Education</u>

This is the webpage for the Arizona Department of Education's Title I Schoolwide Program.

Link: http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/

Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement

This PDF form contains the rubric and assessment schools use to conduct their needs assessment.

Link: http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/STDSRUBRIC.pdf

Standards Assessment Inventory (SAI)

This is the link to the survey of professional development processes and practices for the district and school.

Link: http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/hqp/SAI/